

MARINE CORPS EMERGENCY ACTIONS CENTER
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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

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PERIOD 270701 - 280700 SEPTEMBER 1962

1. CARIBBEAN

a. IN REFERENCE TO A JCS DIRECTIVE, CINCLANT SUBMITTED TO JCS PLANS FOR PROMPT AUGMENTATION, BEYOND THAT IN PRESENT PLANS, OF DEFENSES OF GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE.

CINCLANT STATED THAT THE USE OF PRESENTLY ASSIGNED LANTCOM AND/OR STRICOM FORCES FOR THIS AUGMENTATION WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESS OF SUBSEQUENT CUBAN CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS AS NOW PLANNED.

THE PREFERRED PLAN PROVIDES FOR AUGMENTATION OF THE CURRENTLY PLANNED DEFENSE FORCES WITH A 1/3 MARINE DIV/ WING TEAM (MEB) FROM FORCES PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO PACOM.

AN ALTERNATE SOLUTION WOULD UTILIZE STRICOM FORCES AND WOULD INVOLVE MAJOR REVISIONS TO CINCLANT OPLANS-314 AND 316 OR ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL ARMY AIRBORNE AND AIR FORCE AIRLIFT FORCES TO STRICOM.

CINCLANT RECOMMENDS THE PREFERRED PLAN AND REQUESTS JCS ASSIGN AN ADDITIONAL 1/3 MARINE DIV/WING TEAM, MEB HQS AND ASSOCIATED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING TO LANTCOM.

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1. CARIBBEAN (Continued)

b. USARMA MEXICO CITY HAS REPORTED TO DA THAT THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL SENIOR (UNNAMED) MEXICAN ARMY OFFICERS IS THAT THE U. S. IS PREPARING FOR AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST CUBA.

USARMA MEXICO CITY 262059Z (S)

2. ASIA

a. OSD HAS ADVISED COMUSMACV THAT THE RYANAV IV (A SELF-CONTAINED ALL-WEATHER LOW LEVEL NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT) APPEARS TO BE THE BEST FOR EVALUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. TEST BY USMC, USN AND, TO A LIMITED EXTENT, BY THE ARMY HAVING PROVEN SATISFACTORY. THE ARMY HAS RECOMMENDED EVALUATION OF THIS SYSTEM IN THE H-21, H-34 AND YAC-1 CARIBOU.

OSD 261957Z (C)

b. CINCPAC HAS REQUESTED HELP FROM JCS IN STEMMING THE FLOW OF VISITORS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, MORE THAN 200 BEING SCHEDULED FROM 20 SEPTEMBER THROUGH OCTOBER. HE CITED THE AP NEWS RELEASE (26SEP) REGRADING CMC's CURRENT VISIT AND THE PROPOSED VISIT OF A NAVY-MARINE CORPS RESERVE COMPOSITE COMPANY THAT INCLUDES 16 CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS.

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2. ASIA (Continued)

c. COMUSMACV HAS ADVISED CINCPAC THAT CMC DESIRES THE AR-15 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MARINE HELICOPTER SQUADRON IN SOUTH VIETNAM. COMUSMACV RECOMMENDED ISSUE OF THE WEAPON NOW TO PERMIT FAMILIARIZATION INTERIM USE AS CREW WEAPON, PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF FORMAL TESTS.

COMUSMACV 270639Z (C)

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a. JCS HAS DIRECTED CINCNORAD TO REVIEW THE NIKE HERCULES PROGRAM TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOME BATTERIES SHOULD BE RELOCATED TO DEFEND HARDENED MILITARY FORCES. UNTIL CINCNORAD COMPLETES THIS REVIEW, PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE NIKE HERCULES URBAN DEFENSES IS DEFERRED.

JCS 262005Z (S)

b. EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 1962 THE JOINT WAR ROOM ANNEX IS REDESIGNATED THE NUCLEAR WARFARE STATUS BRANCH (JWRA).

JCS 271922Z (U)

4. MOVEMENTS

a. MABS-11 AND VMF(AW)-114 ARRIVED NAHA 26 SEP 1962.

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4. MOVEMENTS (Continued)

b. MACS-6 ARRIVED CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA 270230Z.

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c. MASS-3 WILL DEPART CAMP PENDLETON AND RETURN
MCAS EL TORO TODAY.

MARAI RSUPSQ (MASS)-3 271450Z (U)

5. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE.

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